WHEREAS the Commission has heretofore been advised by the executive director of the need for stabilization of the Turnpike embankment in the area of Milepost 99 in Sandusky County, Ohio, and the consulting engineer has prepared plans for said work, which plans have been approved by the deputy executive director-chief engineer and are before this meeting;

WHEREAS it will be necessary to advertise for bids for a contract for the performance of said work which contract is estimated to exceed the $250,000 authorization heretofore made by the Commission to the executive director with respect to the award of such contracts;

WHEREAS the timing of this award may be critical due to delays incurred in the acquisition of right of way for this project and the desirability of commencing the work soon enough to permit substantial completion in the short construction period available prior to the onset of heavy summer traffic;

WHEREAS the Commission has entered into an agreement with the Department of Transportation of the State of Ohio which provides for the state to construct an interchange between the Ohio Turnpike and Interstate Route 480 in Lorain County, Ohio, and for the Commission to construct a new toll plaza as part of the interchange;

WHEREAS the time when the Commission’s project (estimated to exceed $250,000) is performed must be coordinated with that of the state project already underway and the timing thereof is therefore critical but such timing cannot be fully scheduled in advance due to uncertainties affecting the progress of the state project; and

WHEREAS the Commission desires to delegate to the executive director authority to make awards of these contracts in the event they exceed $250,000 for the performance of the work of each of these projects so that such awards may be made immediately as soon as appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that with respect to the award of any contracts for either the stabilization of the Turnpike in the area of Milepost 99 or the construction of the Commission’s share of the facilities pertaining to the interchange with Interstate Route 480, if in the opinion of the executive director and of the consulting engineer it is in the best interest of the Commission for an award to be made by the executive director in advance of any meeting of the Commission, the executive director hereby is authorized to award and enter into any contract or contracts and to take whatever other action, on behalf of the Commission, the executive director, with the approval of the consulting engineer, shall determine to be in the best interest of the Commission, notwithstanding any limitation imposed upon the authority of the executive director under any resolution heretofore adopted.

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